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In ~~the~~ Application of: Johnson  
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Filed: June 13, 2001  
For: Stent Drug Delivery System  
Examiner: Jeremy Cozart  
Group Art Unit: 3726

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Washington, DC 20231

Docket No.: S63.2-9949

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**AMENDMENT**

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated April 12, 2002.

**REMARKS**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated April 12, 2002. The Office Action notes that should claim 27 be found allowable, claim 28 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. Claims 23, 25, 26, 29, 30, 32, 34, and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yan (US 5,843,172). Claims 24 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yan in view of Scott (US 5,903,815). Claims 27, 28, and 36-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yan in view of Gray et al (US 5,895,406). Claim 40 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yan' 172 in view of Gray et al and Scott. These objections and rejections will be addressed using the paragraph numbering used in the Office action.

(2)

In the Office Action Examiner objected to claim 28 under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 27. Claim 27 recites a stent with a plurality of serpentine segments in which the manner of how they were formed is not specified. Claim 28 recites a stent in which